



## **GEODUCK AQUACULTURE REQUEST FOR OFFERS GA06-001**

### **Points of Clarification from June 30, 2006 Informational Workshop** Natural Resources Building, Room 172

**Following are clarifications to  
Evaluation Elements in Table 2 and other sections of the Geoduck  
Aquaculture Request for Offers GA06-001**

#### **Evaluation Element 1.1 – *General Information***

If the applicant wishes to submit offers on more than one site, the applicant needs to indicate the order of preference, e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> choice of 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of 2, on the outside of each offer envelope.

#### **Evaluation Element 3.3 – *List all required permits, certifications licenses required for this site***

- DNR's leasing action triggers the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).
- The applicant will need to complete a SEPA checklist, either for the County as part of a Shoreline Permit or if none is required, then for DNR who would be SEPA lead.

#### **Evaluation Element 3.4 – *A plan for neighboring landowner outreach and relations. Extra points will be given for a site-dedicated public outreach plan.***

The outreach plan will need to describe how the applicant's company will provide outreach to public on geoduck aquaculture and / or to neighboring landowners on a site-specific operation. Examples of outreach activities include, but are not limited to:

- A plan to document the contacts made with the landowners, agencies and the public while working on aquaculture on the beach.
- Letters to neighboring homeowners.

**Evaluation Element 3.5** – *Provision for public access if appropriate. Extra points will be given for a site-dedicated public outreach plan.*

This section is for extra points only. The plan would need to describe type and location of public access. Examples of public access activities include, but are not limited to:

- Access by public to walk across upper (non-planted) beach
- Access corridor through aquaculture farm to deep water (*be aware of any commonly used corridors between uplands and deep water*)
- Dedicated portion of a planted area for public recreational digging

**Evaluation Element 4.2** - *Base rent proposal (minimum \$1,000/acre/year)*

The leasehold will include all the area reasonably encumbered by the use, usually from the upper limit of state ownership to Extreme Lower Low Water (ELLW). The Base Rent offer (not production rent) is to be based on the amount proposed to be planted, prorated for any planted area less than a full acre.

**Evaluation Element 5.1.2** – *A plan for marking site boundaries (e.g. untreated piling monuments, buoys with helical anchors, or other markers of a semi-permanent nature)*

Clarification on site boundary markers:

- Rebar protruding above the sediment surface is not acceptable
- Highest scoring will be achieved by helically anchored buoy markers for deep water side.
- Corner markers need to be visible at high tide.

**Evaluation Element 5.1.3** - *Confidence of access to certified seed source, related to planned acreage of planting over time (see also Element 5.2.1). Extra points will be given for evidence of seed availability from a named, certified seed supplier, with a time frame*

Clarification on ‘confidence’:

- DNR is not looking for guarantees of obtaining seed.
- Describe what actions you have taken to contact the seed supplier to meet your planting needs, and describe the supplier’s reply.

## **Request for Offers Section 9 *Terms and Conditions of Lease Agreement***

Clarification of Section 9.1 of the example Lease:

- 10 yr term – the initial lease term is limited to 10 years by statute. If the site is suitable and a second rotation crop is planted the lessee can request an amendment to renew or extend the term.
  - lessee has preference right to release so there are no gaps in tenure.
  - lessee can voluntarily request to terminate before expiration.

Clarification of 9.2.5 – Baseline and Biological Survey:

- Due to the difficulty in traditional survey methods, determining existing populations of intertidal geoduck has optional methods, providing that all parties, including affected tribes, agree. Options for alternative biological survey include:
  - a pre-planting estimate with a confirmation by actual harvest prior to planting.
  - an “all count” type of survey. This would be a survey not based on representative transects.

Clarification of 9.2.2 – Land Survey:

- This is a land survey prepared by a registered surveyor that is recorded with the county
- A registered surveyor will know what is required (scope of work is in Appendix 3 of the Request for Offers)

## **Request for Offers Section 2 – Submittal of Offers**

- Offers need to be submitted in paper copy, not electronically
- Print the certification and assurances form and include those in the package

## **Clarification of BMP's**

- **Sanitation (NEW SECTION TO BE ADDED)**
  - Adequate sanitation facilities are to be provided for workers on site during all working hours.
- **Section 3 – Site Preparation and Seed Planting**
  - 3.2 – The density of 4 turions per square meter is best used to describe a low density population of eelgrass. DNR will evaluate the possibility of applying a less than 10-foot buffer around low- density eelgrass.